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1. PROVIDED HERewith IS THE INFORMATION REQUESTED (REFTEL C) CONCERNING LIBERIAN FMS REQUIREMENTS IN YEARS AFTER FY 79.
2. FMS CREDITS FOR THE PERIOD FY 80 - 82 WILL BE USED TO CONTINUE THE MODERNIZATION OF THE THREE BATTALION TACTICAL GROUND FORCES, THE COMBAT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCES, TO INCLUDE THE ENGINEER BATTALION, THE AIRWING AND THE COAST GUARD.
3. WEAPONS MODERNIZATION AND COMPLETION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BASIC AMMUNITION RESERVE FOR THE THREE BATTALION FORCE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH THE PURCHASE OF THE TYPES AND AMOUNTS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION DESCRIBED IN EEFTELS A AND B USING FY 80 FMS CREDITS. (SEE PARAGRAPH 9 BELOW FOR SUMMARY.)
4. REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT, NOT ECONOMICALLY REPAIRABLE CONSTRUCTION AND TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED ON A 20 PERCENT PER YEAR REPLACEMENT BASIS. (FIVE YEARS IS THE ABSOLUTE MAXIMUM ECONOMIC LIFE OF A VEHILCE IN LIBERIA.)

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5. IN FY 81 MODERNIZATION OF THE ARTILLERY BATTALION AND THE ENGINEER BATTALION WILL BEGIN. ADDITIONALLY ONE LIGHT OBSERVATION/ RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WILL BE PURCHASED IN BOTH FY 80 AND 81.
6. IN FY 82 THE ENTIRE PROGRAM IS ESERVED FOR THE ACQUISTION OF A COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT (65 FT. TO 100 FT.). IF THE COST OF

THE BOAT IS LESS THAN ANTICIPATED, THE BALANCE OF THE CREDITS WILL BE EXPENDED ON THE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM WHICH OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFERRED FOR A YEAR.

7. THIS PROJECTION FOR FY 81 AND 82 IS OUR BEST ESTIMATE OF THE APPROACH THAT THE AFL WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE IN ITS FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. IN THE SUBSEQUENT YEARS (POST FY 82) -- DEPENDENT UPON THE DEGREE OF INTERNAL DEFENSE FINANCING BY THE GOL -- IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ANNUAL FMS CREDITS OF \$1,000,000 WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT AN ORDERLY EQUIPMENT, WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION REPLACEMENT SCHEDULE TO MAINTAIN THE AFL IN AN OPERATIONAL STATUS.

8. AS IN PAST DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, NO FORCE EXPANSION (OTHER THAN THE COAST GUARD PATROL BOAT) IS INTENDED NOR IS THERE ANY PLAN TO ADD TO THE SOPHISTICATION OF THE WEAPONS AVAILABLE TO THE AFL.

9. THE TOTAL COST OF EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY TYPE AND FY FOLLOWS:

EQUIPMENT YTYPE	FY 80	FY 81	*6 82
WEAPONS	\$157,000(1)	\$179,000 (2)	--(2)
RIFLES M16,			
MACHINE GUN M60			
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GRENADES LAUNCHER M203,			
ACCESSORIES			
AMMUNITION	\$186,000	\$200,000	---
SMALL ARMS			
(5.56 AND 7.62)			
GRENADES (HAND AND 40MM)			
MORTORS (60MM AND 80MM)			
ARTILLERY (105MM)			
MINES AND EXPLOSIVES			
INDIVIDUAL AND	\$145,000(1)	(150,000(2)	--(2)
UNIT EQUIPMENT			
RADIOS AND			
TELEPHONES	\$73,000(1)	(110,000(2)	--
VEHICLES (3)	\$560,000	\$500,000	--
TRUCKS 1/4 TO 2 1/2 TON			
AMBULANCES, WRECKERS			
DUMP TRUCKS			
CONSTRUCTION			
EQUIPMENT (3)	\$220,000	\$400,000	---
BULLDOZERS, GRADERS			
CONCRETE MIXERS, ETC.			
CRANE			

COAST GUARD	--	--	\$1,500,000
PATROL BOAT 65' TO 100'			
AVIATION	\$60,000	\$70,000	
LIGHT OBSERVATION/ RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT			
TOTAL:	\$1,400,000	\$1,600,000	\$1,500,000

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(2) MODERNIZATION FO THE ARTILLERY AND ENGINEER BATTALION.

(3) REPLACEMENT OF WORN OUT, NOT ECONOMICALLY REPAIRABLE
EQUIPMENT ON AN ANNYAL BASIS. FIVE YEAR ECONOMIC LIFE FIGURES
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